Claim 8 is amended to remedy a minor informality noted during review. As discussed in Applicants' previous response, Semel fails to teach a two part lubricant that is "readily electrified." This feature is fully supported by the specification at, for example, page 8, lines 11-24. Moreover, this feature sufficiently defines a structural feature of claim 8 because the adherability of lubricant powder by electrification depends on the amount of electrical charge achieved by contact with the material (for example, Teflon) with different "order of electrification" (which depends on the molecular structure of the material) in the charging device. In the case of mixed powders, the difference in the order of electrification between the different lubricant powders also contributes to the electrification. As a result, the amount of electrical charge achieved depends on the molecular structure and particle size of the lubricants.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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APPENDIX

Changes to Claims:

The following are marked-up versions of the amended claims:

8. (Amended) A lubricant for die lubrication, comprising:

a mixed powder of at least two different lubricants, each having a melting point higher than a predetermined temperature; and wherein

the lubricant for die lubrication is reliably electrified in a ~~changing~~charging device in order to be adherable to the surface of a die with reliability by electrification.